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PY050303 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0018 GMT 5 Jan 82

[Text] La Paz, 4 Jan (LATIN-REUTER) -- The interior Ministry reported today that 11 people, one of them a U.S. citizen, continue to be under arrest on charges of participating in a subversive meeting of the outlawed Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR). This is the first time that the ministry officially makes reference to the search that was carried out by security organs in the early hours of 1 January in the house of Mrs Lee Rea de Romero who works at a local office of the UN. That morning security agents arrested 34 persons but not the house owner who was not present. Mrs Rea Romero is a functionary of the UN office for refugees and the party at her house was organized by her sons. One of them, Roberto Rea Romero who is a U.S. citizen, is still under arrest.

Interior Ministry Under Secretary Gerardo Torrez said in the press conference held in his office that the party was a subversive meeting in which several MIR militants were to make contact with the directorate of that outlawed group. He also said that the house search was made with a court warrant signed by the prosecutor [as received] Carmen Molina. Torrez denied that violence was used during the search. The house owner, Lee Rea Romero, had reported that several valuable objects along with UN documents were carried away during the search. Torrez said that pamphlets and ammunition as well as propaganda material of leftist political organizations were seized. Torrez denied that the U.S. Embassy or the Catholic Church had complained or protested to authorities for the house search which he said was legally and peacefully conducted. He noted that all the Bolivian citizens arrested are MIR militants who surreptitiously entered the country from exile abroad.

Official Explains Raid

PY051754 La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 5 Jan 82

[Text] The Interior Ministry reported yesterday that through an operation carried out early on the morning of 1 January, government security organizations prevented the outbreak of a subversive movement in which several elements of the extreme left who returned to the country in a clandestine manner were involved.

In a press conference held at the Interior Ministry, Under Secretary Gerardo Torres told the national press about the reasons which motivated the raid on the house located on 18th Street in Calacoto. He said that the government security organizations have carried out intensive investigations during the past month.

[Begin Torres recording] They detected these activities and that the meeting was aimed at organizing subversion. Thus, at 0200 on 1 January 1982, following the information gathered, a decision was made to raid the house you are all familiar with, located on 18th Street in Calacoto, near San Miguel.

For this operation we had the appropriate search warrant from the judge, which I have here at hand for anyone who wants to see it, which authorized the raid on the house already mentioned, as requested by the state intelligence director, with the objective of safeguarding the peace and the tranquillity of the people, and to confirm the political denunciations received in this regard. [end recording]

The raid was carried out without any violance to either persons or properties, the under secretary stated, and added that the warrant was signed by Dr (Carmen Pimemtel Molina). It was reported that the meeting was held under a new year's party coverup, although the main objective was to hold a meeting with the top board of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left [MIR], and with representatives of extremist peasants and Mr [Gonzalo Guzman), an extremist of the former Bolivian labor central. [passage indistinct]

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PY121456 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1710 GMT 29 Dec 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 29 Dec (TELAM) -- The Socialist Democratic Party [PSD] has reported the reshuffling and expansion of its National Executive Committee following the provisions which have been recently adopted by the party's National Council.

The Executive Committee's board of directors is made up as follows: Secretary general, Emilio J. Giannoni; secretary in charge of minutes, Juan Jose Poderoso; treasurer, Miguel F. Punta; and regular members Americo Ghioldi, Raul T. Dellepiane, Walter Constanza, Norberto La Porta, Omar Cavazzoni, Nestor Jimena, Jose Rodriguez Cabarcos and Antonio Cartana Jr.

The alternate members of the board of directors are: Teodoro Bronzini, Luis Nuncio Fabrizio, Rene Balestra, Ruben Maimone, Hector Robles and Orlando Carracedo.

BIG OIL STRIKE MADE IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO

PY121847 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1959 GMT 8 Jan 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 8 Jan (TELAM) -- There has been an important petroleum and gas find at the Aries X-I well, located in area I off the coast of Tierra del Fuego, which is being drilled by the firms Total, Deminex and Bridas under contract to the Government Oil Deposits [YPF], it was reported today.

The well struck oil at a depth of 1,620 meters, initially producing from the first trial stratum 230 cubic meters per day of petroleum and 790,000 cubic meters of gas per day from the remaining two strata (three interesting strata were selected for trials).

The YPF report indicates that in order to definitively evaluate the discovery a detailed analysis of the technical information obtained will be necessary, and at the same time it emphasizes that Aries X-I is the fourth test well drilled in that area and that gas had been discovered in the three previous wells.

SECURITY FORCES RAID TERRORIST HIDEOUT

PY122055 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1210 GMT 12 Jan 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 12 Jan (NA) -- According to military sources, the joint security forces have raided an apartment used as a hideout by terrorists in the city of Ramos Mejia, east of Buenos Aires.

The raid was carried out yesterday at dawn on the eighth floor of a 12-story building located at 2275 Gaona Avenue. A large number of personnel were deployed in the operation. The apartment was rented approximately 2 months ago by two youths who, according to the sources, are reportedly members of the Montoneros terrorist organization.

The whole building was evacuated in case explosives were found. This caused alarm in the surrounding area but, although experts of the San Justo antiexplosive brigade had to defuse several booby trap bombs, there were no casualties.

The sources also said that no one was arrested but that during the raid they found weapons of different calibers and modern transmitters connected to a 12-meter extendable antenna. The transmitters were used to interfere with radio and television casts in the area. Recording equipment and cassettes with proclamations against the government and the "Peronist March" were also found.

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[Speech by Costa Rican Foreign Minister Bernd Niehaus at ceremony for the signing of document creating the Central American Democratic Community, at Costa Rican Foreign Ministry, San Jose, Costa Rica -- live]

[Text] Your Excellency Salvadoran Foreign Minister Dr Fidel Chavez Mena, Your Excellency Honduran Foreign Minister Col Cesar Elvir Sierra, Your Excellencies Mssrs Ambassadors, honorable heads of delegations, ladies and gentlemen:

As of today, 19 January 1982 becomes a historic date for Central America. By the sovereign will of the fraternal republics of El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, the Central American Democratic Community is constituted today. As its name indicates, the basis of this community is the principle of democracy, which is profoundly rooted in our people's very selves.

Through 500 years, the Central American man, hit by misery, illiteracy, exploitation and the denial of his right to live in accordance with his human dignity, has known how to create, despite this, a solid democratic spirit. Very often, not to say almost always, circumstances have prevented his total or even partial enjoyment of that basic principle. However, our firm conviction about the nature of true human values and rights has kept us from abandoning the search for their full achievements.

If the measure of this community we are creating today is the principle of democracy, its purpose is to create the necessary circumstances for this principle to become effective and to fulfill its principal goal of providing the individual with a better and more dignified life, in peace and freedom.

In the course of the past few decades, and specifically during the last few years, the Central American countries have experienced a time of crisis and anxiety that is unprecedented in the history of the isthmus. To the gravity of a social situation resulting from an archaic and unjust structure inherited from colonial days, and to the highly unstable political situation that often results from the interests of internal power groups or foreign forces, we must add the serious economic international crisis that is currently hitting small, weak, geographically and economically limited republics in a particularly harsh fashion.

For the Central American nations, abrupt energy price hikes will have a very serious negative impact on their economies. Added to the world recession and to the marked decline in the prices of their principal export products, this completes a picture of pathetic dimensions, whose final results can only by chaos, (?since) there is no internationally coordinated policy for overcoming the crisis through effective cooperation among subjects of international law.

At the international level, there is awareness of all of this, as well as good will. The North-South dialogue and its most recent manifestation, the 1981 Cancun conference, have filled the Caribbean basin with hope. The so-called Nassau Group meeting also constitutes sufficient proof of the international desire to provide support for this area. Two Third World nations, Mexico and Venezuela, have given the first specific example of real and effective aid, using oil as an instrument of cooperation with our countries. The document we have just signed constitues a historic step in the process we have just outlined.

Representatives of our three fraternal countries; convinced of the principles that inspire the democratic lives of nations and with the firm will to achieve a more honorable existence for our peoples, we have gathered here in San Jose to tell the world about our problems and purposes.

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